(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനു് എന്തു മറുപടി ലഭിച്ചു എന്നു പ്രസ്താവിക്കുവാൻ ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

ശ്രീ. ടി. കെ. നാരായണപിള്ള: (എ) ഉണ്ടു്.

(ബി) അതു ഇപ്പോൾ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

VILLAGE COURT CLERKS

*819. [44] **Sri. K. K. Kesavan:** Will the Hon'ble the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the scale of pay and annual increments of village court clerks and village court copyist-clerks respectively;

(*b*) are the Government aware of the fact that clerks are the chief ministerial officers of village court and the copyist clerks are junior to them;

(*c*) is there any other department in which the chief ministerial officers are getting lesser pay than the other officers of the same office;

(*d*) has any representation been received from the village courts' clerks association regarding the anomaly in the pay scales of the clerks and copyist clerks; and

(*e*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai:

(*a*) Clerks 25-1-35-1½-50 Copyist-clerks 25-1½-40.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is being enquired into.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The matter is under consideration along with the Re-organisation Scheme.

APPOINTMENTS

*820. [49] **Sri. R. K. Ram:** Will the Hon'ble the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any new appointments have been made before and after the commencement of the new constitution; and

(*b*) if so, the name of persons to whom appointments were given and the departments to which they were posted?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai:

As the question is too vague, no definite answer can be furnished.

RETRENCHMENT IN SERVICES

*821. [56] **Sri. T. P. Sitaraman:** Will the Hon'ble the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the nature of the policy of retrenchment in services; and

(*b*) is there retrenchment in all departments?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai:

(*a*) and (*b*) The policy is to retrench such of the posts as are not absolutely required for the efficient conduct of work.

TAXES

*822. [58] **Sri. T. P. Sitaraman:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many kinds of taxes there are now in force in U. S. T. C.;

(*b*) is there any variation in Cochin area and Travancore area in any of the taxes and what is that;

(*c*) how much income the Government have from each of the taxes?

Sri. A. J. John:

(*a*) There are five main kinds of taxes, *viz.* (1) Land Tax (2) Income Tax (3) Sales Tax (4) Customs (5) Excise duties. Out of these, 1 and 2 are direct taxes and the rest indirect.

(*b*) Yes. There is difference in the rate of land tax.

(*c*) The figures for 1125 are available in the Budget for the year.

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